To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 672 without my signature.

As California continues to grow it is every government agency's responsibility to provide additional recreational opportunities where appropriate. Increased recreation improves health and fitness, instills an appreciation of our state's natural resources, and can provide excellent opportunities for families to spend more time together.

Assembly Bill 672 creates new state policy concerning drinking water reservoirs for activities such as shoreline fishing and nonmotorized boats and attempts to encourage additional recreation activities around drinking water reservoirs by requiring the managing agency to develop recreation plans. I agree with the intent of this measure. However, this bill could potentially allow access to reservoirs that contain treated drinking water or are considered vulnerable to significant security risk. As a result, the legislation could place public drinking water from these reservoirs at an unacceptable risk from waterborne disease transmission or potential acts of terrorism.

For these reasons I cannot support this bill.

Sincerely

Arnold Schwarzenegger